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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the first paragraph of the specification as follows:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/446,783, filed 16 May 2000, which ~~claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/051,021, filed 27 June 1997, now abandoned, and is~~ a 371 of PCT/US98/13272, filed 26 June 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/051,021, filed 27 June 1997, now abandoned, and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/926,155, filed 9 September 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,096,331, ~~which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/720,756, filed 1 October 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,916,596, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/412,726, filed 29 March 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,560,933, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/023,698, filed 22 February 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,439,686. U.S. Patent No. 6,096,331 is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/485,448, filed 7 June 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,665,382, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/200,235, filed 22 February 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,498,421, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/023,698, filed 22 February 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,439,686, and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/035,150, filed 26 March 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,362,478, the contents of each of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.~~